

Resources for Daycare Providers

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According to Jim Trelease, author of the popular *Read-Aloud Handbook*, "We read to children for all the same reasons we talk with children: to reassure, to entertain, to bond; to inform or explain, to arouse curiosity, to inspire. But in reading aloud, we also condition the child's brain to associate reading with pleasure, create background knowledge, build vocabulary, [and] provide a reading role model." [<http://www.trelease-on-reading.com>].

Remember that reading aloud in *any* language is beneficial to the children in your care.

Board books – Board books are the little cardboard books meant for the youngest readers. Easy concepts and sturdy pages make these perfect for teaching young children how a book works. At the library, they are located on a table in the middle of the rug near the large window in the children's room.

Children's CDs – We have a variety of nursery rhymes, famous children's musicians such as Raffi and Hap Palmer, lullabies, and international music for all ages. Feel free to borrow some to play in your car or at home.

Children's DVDs – The library has popular TV shows, such as Dora, Barney, Caillou, and other educational DVDs, such as Baby Einstein, Magic School Bus, and potty training resources.

Dial-A-Story – Enjoy a 3-5 minute story over the phone. Read by the Children's Librarians, the stories change weekly. For stories in English, call (408) 730-7333. For stories in Spanish, call (408) 737-4907.

Picture books – We have thousands of picture books appropriate for ages 2-5, as well as lists of books about certain topics of interest to this age group.

Read-alongs – To help get children started with reading, we have a collection of picture books and beginning chapter books that come with a CD recording of the book. Using this "read-along," a child can listen and look at the book at the same time.

Story Times and other programs – The library offers a variety of programs for young children:

Baby Lapsit (up to 12 months) – Tuesdays, 11:00 AM

Stories for 1's (12 to 24 months) – Tuesdays, 11:00 AM

Toddler Story Time (2 to 3½) – Thursdays, 11:00 AM

Time for Tales (3 to 5 years) – Mondays, 11:00 AM

Preschool Story Time (3½ to 5 years) – Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

This program is 45 minutes long and requires a caregiver to be present at all times. The program is only open to children between 3½ and 5 years old, so children younger than 3½ are unable to attend.

Family Story Time (all ages) – 1 Saturday per Month, 11:00 AM

Night Owl Story Time (all ages) – approx. every other Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Check our online calendar for the complete schedule: <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/librarykids/calendar.html>

TumbleBooks [<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/Library/TumbleBooks.htm>] – Animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture which you can read, or have read to you.

Need more help selecting appropriate books? Would you like a tour of the library and a mini-story time session just for your group? Contact us at (408) 730-7292.

